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TWENTY FIVE ACRES ENOUGH FOR ONE MAN

Testimony of P. S. Clement. After a Practical Experiment of Five Years on an Arizona Ranch.

Much has been printed in recent years about what can be done with the soil and climate of the Salt River valley, the stories dealing in generalities illustrated by hypothetical cases of what has been done or may be done by A. B. or some other imaginary person selected as typical of the careful rancher. During the last year The Republican has printed much less of that kind of matter and a great deal more about the achievements of particular men whose names are given so that the facts may be verified by any who may doubt them. The former stories were equally as true in respect of facts but the latter articles are more effective for the reason named. A newspaper is not going to persistently misrepresent the operations of the men who live in the community and whose names are given. Where one of these articles has been printed within the last year or two a dozen may be expected in the future for the reason that the Salt River valley farmers are now very wisely keeping books on themselves and scores of them know just what they are doing. And the figures tell the story. Here is another that tells of success of a modest farmer with a little twenty-five acre patch of ground and everyone of these well authenticated articles helps the country and is interesting reading.

P. S. Clement lives on the Christy road two and a half miles west of Salt Point or between three and four miles from town. Mr. and Mrs. Clement came here and bought their twenty-five acre farm five years ago. They did not

come for their health but for the very laudable purpose of making money and they have made off their little acreage an average of \$1000 a year and they have been living as comfortable farmers should live all this time. This it should be remembered for has been under conditions that were not ideal in respect of irrigation water, for the irrigation system is not even yet perfected and will not be for a year or two. Nevertheless from very strenuous times five years ago it has changed very much for the better and will continue to improve until the completion of the reservoir when the conditions will be as nearly ideal as can be conceived in these days to be practicable. Now is the time to locate before the ideal of conditions advances the value of land to a price that may be embarrassing to those with a small amount of money who want to own their own farm homes.

Of the twenty-five acres in the Clement holding, twenty-four are planted to alfalfa. The other acre is devoted to buildings, yards, etc. This year Mr. Clement cut from his acreage twenty-four tons of hay each cutting or a ton to the acre, and of course had several cuttings as all the alfalfa farmers do have. He also keeps on his farm sixteen cows and three horses, the alfalfa of course furnishing their pasture also. These cows have averaged him \$80 per month during the summer. He has also raised fifteen calves that are a nice increase to his herd. One hundred and fifty hens are found in his poultry yard that have averaged him three dozen eggs per day and the eggs have averaged him forty cents per dozen the year round. That looks like a big price for eggs and it is but Mr. Clement has used a little judgment with his fowls and has kept them for profit and not merely as an ornament. He has given them whatever attention they needed and has sold his eggs to regular customers who wanted a dependable supply, people who would pay

the price the year round whether the egg market was twenty cents a dozen or sixty cents a dozen.

Mr. Clement's verdict after five years of practical experiment is that twenty-five acres is about the right size for one man to farm. Had he bought the farm on credit at \$100 per acre he would now have had it paid for twice over from his net profits. He will never become a Rockefeller at this rate but he has done better than most men who are trying to get rich quick by a short cut, owns a nice home, is independent and his own boss, and the future looks better than the past to him. Besides, who wants to be a Rockefeller anyway?

ASSAULT ON YUMA'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Physical Resistance Made to the Enforcement of the Territorial Anti-Gambling Law.

District Attorney Peter T. Robertson of Yuma county is having rather a hard row to hoe in the enforcement of the late anti-gambling law passed by the legislature. It is reported by the Yuma papers that gambling has been continued quite openly in Yuma. The chief method is by the running of games not specifically mentioned in the law but which are gambling games nevertheless. Recently the district attorney promulgated an order to Sheriff Livingstone, directing him to notify all game keepers that they must close their games and that in the case of saloon keepers failure to do so would make them liable to procedure for abating a nuisance and the cancelling of the license. The sheriff did so and the first time the district attorney appeared on the street he was assaulted by one W. H. Lyon. The assault is thus described in the Yuma Sun:

A warrant charging W. H. Lyon with battery was sworn out yesterday and placed in the hands of Sheriff Livingstone for service. Lyon having left for his ranch in the valley at an early hour of the morning, he had not, late last night, been arrested. The warrant is the outcome of Lyon's assault on District Attorney Robertson, while the latter was standing on Main street early Monday evening. According to witnesses of the affair, the attack was made without warning and was devoid of preliminaries. Lyon is alleged to have grabbed the prosecutor as the latter stood talking to a gentleman, and throwing him to the sidewalk, kicked him in the face. A bystander interfered, and as he held Lyon the district attorney attempted to escape through the Gem saloon. Lyon went immediately in pursuit, however, and catching up with Mr. Robertson in the rear of the house knocked him down and kicked him again. Lyon was prevented from doing further damage by Pete Avenente, who followed him from the scene of the sidewalk encounter.

It has been learned since then, that Mr. Robertson is quite seriously hurt, having suffered the fracture of a rib.

The incident has been noted at the governor's office by reference to the Yuma papers, and the governor is very indignant over the matter, assuming of course, that the facts are as stated. He is making inquiry and proposes to see that the law is upheld. He will take the matter up with the attorney general and if it shall transpire that the district attorney is not in condition to attend to his duties when the grand jury meets next week, it is not unlikely that the attorney general will be there to see that the case is inquired into and the territorial statutes enforced.

GOVERNMENT'S GIFT VACCINE FOR STOCK

That is, For Animals Which Are Ranged in the National Forests.

The following dispatch lately sent out from Washington will be of interest to most stockmen of this territory: "Further evidence of the government's concern over the improvement of range conditions in the national forests is shown in the announcement just made that stock owners will be furnished free of charge supplies of vaccine for the treatment of stock afflicted with black tuberculosis and other animal diseases. This arrangement has been made by the forest service with Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry. "Stockmen holding permits for grazing in the national forests will now be furnished with an effective means of combatting without cost all of the most dangerous diseases to which stock is subject. The vaccine can be obtained simply by applying to the supervisor of the forest upon which the stock is grazed who will at once forward the approved request to the bureau of animal industry where it will be filled. Full directions will be furnished for its use.

FORTUNATE APACHES OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN

The Progress Being Made by the Aborigines of the of the White River Agency.

Whiteriver, Ariz., Sept. 30.—(Special Correspondence of The Republican.)—The White Mountain Indian reservation comprises about two million acres of mountainous land; it is not fit for anything much except for the raising of cattle, sheep, goats and horses. The Indians now have about 12,000 head of horses and 1500 head of cattle.

The northern part of the Indian reserve is covered with very good pine timber which is now worth three or four million dollars and its value is increasing yearly. During the past two years the forest reserve people have been trying to have the Black Mesa forest reserve extended south to include the best part of the Indians' land, grass and timber; they claim that the forest is not protected against fires when in fact it has better protection than the forest adjoining it. The superintendent has lately issued 600 hammers to these Indians for breeding purposes; he contemplates buying as many more in the near future for the same purpose; these purchases cost the government nothing whatever for the fund is realized from the sale of grass that the Indians are not yet able to use, and the money realized belongs to the mass a tribe.

There are 254 children attending school on the reservation here as follows: Fort Apache training schools, 167; Cibola day school, 45; Canyon day school, 42.

We challenge the Indian service in Arizona to show a finer or more productive garden, or a better herd of cattle of its own raising. The industrial teacher and carpenter with the help of school boys have earned more than \$3,000.00 during the past year in gardening, and in the shops. The employees' mess building is worth \$5,000, notwithstanding the tangible cost was only \$2,000. Employees cut the timber, hauled it to the saw mill, manufactured it into planed lumber. We make the lumber, lath, shingles, lime, brick, and quarry the necessary stone, so that the main outlay is for labor here.

The White Mountain Apaches are cutting 2,500 cords of wood and 800,000 pounds of hay for the military at Fort Apache; they are also furnishing the hay and wood for this agency. They work well when they are not drinking their corn beer; this is a sort of malt they make of sprouted corn, they drink this stuff after it ferments thirty hours. It is both food and drink and it exhilarates and fattens.

The new Indian traders, Holt and Jones, have moved into their new store building near the office building and they seem to be doing a good business. There is a legal schedule of profits beyond which the trader can not go in his sales to Indians unless he becomes a violator of the law. When these Indians are given the money for their earnings they expend it about as wisely as the white man and they need no coaching.

Were it not for the Indian medicine-man and a few nonprogressive chiefs, these Indians would soon be classed with the best; the "medicine-man" is against the white man, his schools and churches and civilization. If these unworthy characters were removed from the reservation and compelled to live with a tribe where they had no such contaminating influence it would remove the chief check to progress.

"The forest service and the bureau of animal industry are working hard in an endeavor to eradicate or diminish the common forms of stock disease found on the western ranges and their efforts are meeting with much success. It is anticipated that a large number of stockmen will avail themselves of this latest offer of assistance and as a result the loss of stock will be greatly reduced and range conditions improved."

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Wm. H. West's Minstrels make their appearance at the Dorrin opera house on next Wednesday night, Oct. 9. The attraction is well mounted and carefully staged, and the company includes some of America's most clever people. Manager Rickey has this season gone in more for the genuine old style negro entertainment than for the glitter that sometimes covers up a lack of talent, at the same time he has not forgotten the surroundings, and the result is a very novel and enjoyable performance. The opening part styled "The Awakening of Dawn," is a very artistic and attractive piece of stage arrangements. The grand entry being an innovation to minstrelsy.

Rosewell J. Wright, the noted soprano, Lloyd Balliet, James Cantwell, W. Bonard are a corps of talented singers seldom gathered together, and are backed by a chorus of twenty well trained voices. George Van and Billy Graham, the principal end men, are two well known for comment here and are ably supported by six clever story tellers and songsters. The first part concludes with an artistic arrangement of clever songs and dances, the evolution and execution being difficult and finished.

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